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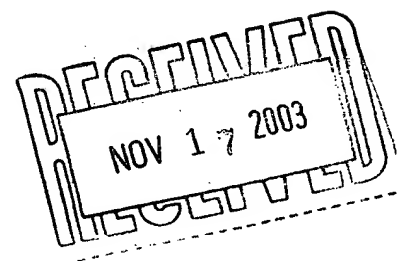
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of a document known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.



TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

For relevance of the foreign-language document, applicants submit below an English translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action in the corresponding Japanese application. Applicants do not necessarily agree with the characterizations of the foreign-language document in the Japanese Office Action.

Records (Refer to the Index of cited literatures for references)

Claims 1, 11, 12, 14, 15, 21, 31, 32, 34 and 35

Reference No. 1

Consideration: "A deleter" of the invention according to Claim 14 corresponds to "recording area specification unit 20" in Figure 1 of the reference. A decoder that reads signals from a recorder and decodes them is merely an already known matter. A structure, wherein a plurality of decoding parts decodes the signals encoded and multiplexed from a plurality of terminals, can be appropriately achieved by a person skilled in the art.

Reasons for refusal for the invention according to the claims not listed in this Notice of Reasons for Refusal are not found at this time. A Notice of Refusal shall be issued once reasons for refusal are discovered.

Index of Reference(s)

1. JP 10-285531

An English translation of the foreign-language document is not readily available; however, an English language abstract is attached herewith. The absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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